



Air Resources Board



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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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October 14, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss a proposed regulatory concept for a Renewable Electricity Standard (RES). The RES would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the percentage of electricity generation provided by eligible renewable resources. The regulatory concept is designed to implement Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Executive Order (EO) S-21-09. This EO directs the Board to adopt a regulation consistent with a 33% renewable electricity standard by July 31, 2010. ARB is developing the RES in cooperation with the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, and the California Independent System Operator.

This is the first in a series of public workshops. An agenda for the workshop is attached. Staff will use the information gathered at this, and subsequent workshops, to develop the RES and supporting rulemaking documents. The Board is scheduled to consider the RES at its July 22-23, 2010, meeting.

The public workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

Date: Friday, October 30, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Location: Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Byron Sher Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

Webcast Information

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live video/audio webcast will be available beginning at 9:00 am on October 30, 2009, at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO=1>. During the workshop, the webcast audience may submit questions and comments using the following e-mail address: auditorium@calepa.ca.gov.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please 1) go to the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance; or 2) contact our Disability Coordinator by voice at (916) 323-4916; or 3) access the California Relay Service at 711.

If you need assistance in a language other than English, please 1) go to the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or 2) contact our Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053 as soon as possible.

Website and Meeting Materials

ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to this meeting at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/energy/res/res.htm>. From this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices for future workshops and regulatory developments.

We welcome and appreciate your participation in this public workshop. If you have any questions regarding this workshop or the proposed RES regulation, please contact David Mehl, Energy Section Manager, at (916) 323-1491, or by e-mail at dmehl@arb.ca.gov; or Gary Collord, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-5548, or by e-mail at gcollord@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: David Mehl, Manager
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Energy Section

Public Workshop
California Renewable Electricity Standard

Tentative Agenda

October 30, 2009
9:00 a.m. to Noon

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Byron Sher Auditorium

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Regulation Development Process and Schedule
3. Legal Authority
4. Interagency Collaboration
5. Proposed RES Regulatory Concepts
6. Coordination with Existing RPS Program
7. Public Outreach Efforts
8. Next Steps